Maintenance of animals in scientific laboratories

* 93 SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Committee to look into the issue of maintenance of animals used in scientific laboratories;

(b) if so, what are the terms of reference of the Committee; and

(c) by when the Committee is expected to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The terms of reference of sub-committee were to prescribe detailed guidelines for animals housing facilities on the lines of established "Good Laboratory Practices"

(c) The report of the sub-committee has been submitted and the guidelines circulated for implementation.

Electrification of Delhi-Ahmedabad Rail Section

* 94. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to electrify the Delhi-Ahmedabad Rail Section also, *via* Jaipur, Ajmer, Abu Road, Palanpur in view of the heavy rail traffic on this Section.

(b) if so, by when this Section would be electrified; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Due to constraint of resources and relative priority for electrification of other high density routes.